

The Messenger



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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5 Unchanging Truths in a Changing World

by Dempsey Collins

- I. It is better to be divided by truth than united by error (Ephesians 4:3-6; II John 9:11)
- II. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals than to speak falsehood which comforts and then destroys (John 8:32; Romans 1:16; Proverbs 27:5-6).
- III. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie (John 7:7; Galatians 4:16; John 15:18-21).
- IV. It is better to stand alone with the truth than to be wrong with a multitude (Genesis 6:8; I Kings 19:10; Matthew 7:13-14).
- V. It is better to ultimately succeed with the truth than to temporarily succeed with a lie (Revelation 2:10; Acts 2:32-33; II Timothy 4:6-8).

May we all have the spirit of Micaiah:

"As the Lord lives what the Lord says to me, that I will speak."

I Kings 22:14

I Wanted to See if You Would

by Gerald O. Fruzia, Jr.

A man told me the other day that a fellow employee approached him to put a quarter on this week's football game. He declined in an offhanded manner. "It's only a quarter, so come on," he was told. He said that he did not have a quarter right then. "Well, I'll put your name down and you can give me a quarter later," came the reply. "No," the man replied, "I don't care to gamble." Imagine the man's surprise when his fellow employee answered, "I know that. I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF YOU WOULD."

He withstood temptation. It was a little matter...or WAS it? In fact, his entire influence as a Christian was on the line, although he hadn't realized it. Whether you work at the plant, in the grocery store, on construction or teach school, your influence as a Christian is on the line every day. Whether in the conscious or subconscious mind, your friends have a mental picture of you.

- Your SPEECH is pure...no smutty stories, no cursing, no lying.
 - You are HONEST...you don't carry things out of the plant that belong to the company - not even a pencil if it's against company rules.
 - You WORK...an honest day's labor for a day's pay.
 - You are PURE...there is no flirting with the opposite sex.
 - Your Christianity is REAL...you don't get tipsy over at the men's club while gambling on Saturday night, then present yourself as a Christian on Sunday.
 - The world observes, and KNOWS, whether you are genuine or merely observing some of the convenient forms of Christianity.
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Something to Think About

*Procrastination is my sin,
It causes me endless sorrow,
But I've made up my mind to quit,
And I will begin . . . Tomorrow.*

TOMORROW is the great enemy of advancement. Boasting of TOMORROW is the lazy man's way of evading today's duties. TOMORROW leaves more tasks undone, more books unread, more houses uncleaned, more programs unlaunched, more resolutions unkept than any other factor of life.

TOMORROW is the great enemy of the church. Our greatest liability is not our ignorance, or our unconcern, or our unwillingness, but - TOMORROW. More absentees have been neglected, more prospects have gone unenlisted, more lessons have gone unprepared and more lost people have gone unsaved because of TOMORROW than any other reason.

TOMORROW is the great enemy of the soul. TOMORROW has sent more people to hell than all other causes combined. While one has gone to hell because he was an infidel, an agnostic, or an atheist, then thousand have gone because they counted on TOMORROW.

TOMORROW is Satan's best scheme in keeping men and women lost. Yes, Satan knows he will never destroy your faith in the Bible, or your belief in the love of God. He does not care when you realize that you need to be a Christian. He knows all of these things are of no avail if he can keep you waiting until TOMORROW.

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."
PROVERBS 27:1

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